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The listed documents were cited in an International Search Report dated January 13, 2004. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

The following documents are in a language other than English:

1) JP 3-116441 A. As for relevance, an English-language Abstract is attached. Also for relevance, a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,126,741 which is a counterpart application to JP 3-116441 A is also attached. Moreover, for relevance, these documents are cited in the attached International Search Report;

2) JP 09-259538. As for relevance an English-language Abstract is attached. Also for relevance, a Japanese Patent Office machine translation into English is also attached. Moreover, for relevance, this document is cited in the attached International Search Report; and

3) JP 2002-008269. As for relevance, an English language Abstract is attached. Also for relevance, a Japanese Patent Office machine translation into English is also attached. Moreover, for relevance, this document is cited in the attached International Search Report.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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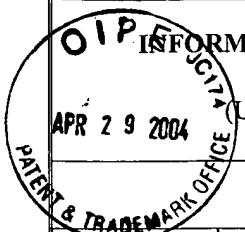
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